

# Briefing: 2011 State Legislative Agenda

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# Lay of the Land

- ▶ Democratic Governor
- ▶ House: evenly divided with a Co-Leadership Structure
- ▶ Senate: closely divided with a Democratic edge

# Lay of the Land: Senate

- ▶ 16 Democrats/14 Republicans
- ▶ Peter Courtney, President
- ▶ Diane Rosenbaum, Majority Leader
- ▶ Ted Ferrioli, Republican Leader
- ▶ Even R and D membership of Senate Revenue Committee

# Lay of the Land: House

- ▶ 30 Democrats/30 Republicans
- ▶ Arnie Roblan/Bruce Hanna – Co-Speakers
- ▶ Dave Hunt, Democratic Leader
- ▶ Kevin Cameron, Republican Leader
- ▶ Co-Leadership of all House Committees

# House Bills: Committee Action

- ▶ Committee action on a bill requires:
  - Agreement of Co-Chairs or
  - Written request of at least two committee members of each party
- ▶ Each Co-Chair can schedule a public hearing on one bill without the consent of the other Co-Chair
- ▶ Withdrawing a bill from a committee (when the Co-Chairs or at least two committee members from each party are not in agreement) requires a petition signed by at least 31 House members

# State Budget



- ▶ Governor's Recommended Budget will be released on February 1, 2011
- ▶ \$3.5 billion anticipated shortfall—2011-13 Biennium
  - Save \$2.8 billion if Public Safety and Courts were completely eliminated
- ▶ No support for revenue bills

# State Budget for 2011-13

- ▶ Budget for 2009-11 minus the stimulus \$ and other one-time funds along with a huge caseload increase
- ▶ Governor's priorities:
  - Set clear priorities
  - Overhaul state government to deliver on priorities
  - Stay the course, but focus on the future

# 2011 Legislative Agenda

## THEMES

- ▶ Reflect our core areas of responsibility
- ▶ Look for common themes with other counties
- ▶ Seek partnerships with state leaders
- ▶ Reflect fiscal realities of the state

# Public Safety

Nearly 50% of County General Fund budget is spent on public safety

- ▶ Corrections
- ▶ Gang Funding
- ▶ Juvenile Services
- ▶ Bail Bonds
- ▶ Human Trafficking
- ▶ Court Facilities

# Health and Human Services

- ▶ Seniors and People with Disabilities
  - Adequate funding for case management
  - Resources for seniors
- ▶ Health Care Integration
  - Opportunity/Challenge for major reform
- ▶ Affordable Housing

# Community Services

## ▶ Elections

- Support Gov't Efficiency Task Force
- Monitor reform bills on voter registration

## ▶ Transportation

- Support necessary updates to HB 2001

# Revenue Stability

- ▶ Lift Local Preemptions
- ▶ Protect Shared State Revenue
  - Tobacco
  - Liquor
  - Lottery

